



Columbia Seminary

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Winter, 1985

Craddock, Keck, Ford at Forum



Annual Alumni/ae Association luncheon and meeting highlights Forum.

Three of the nation's foremost churchmen will highlight the 1985 Columbia Forum. During the first week of February each year CTS sponsors a four-day forum built around a guest preacher and two lecturers. There are three evening worship services, this year to be led by Fred B. Craddock, Professor of Preaching and New Testament at Candler School of Theology, and two lectureships consisting of three lectures each.

The Thomas Smyth Foundation Lectures was begun through a bequest of the Rev. Thomas Smyth, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina, 1831-1873. It is held this year by Dr. Leander E. Keck, Dean and Professor of New Testament at Yale Divinity School. The Alumni/ae Association also funds a series of lectures, the Alumni/ae Lectures, which are being delivered this year by one of our own alums, Dr. Leighton Ford,

who is well known as an evangelist with the Billy Graham Association. The lectures, which promise to be excellent, will be presented at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. February 6, 7, and 8.

Forum week is also a time for alumni/ae festivities, including class reunions. This year all CTS alumni/ae will enjoy the annual Alumni/ae Association Luncheon and business meeting. Dr. Erskine Clarke, past Dean of Students and current Professor of American Church History, will address the group and deliver an amusing and informative 'history' of the Seminary. The Reunion Classes and their spouses will hold their luncheon on Thursday. The following will serve as Reunion Chairpersons:

1930 & earlier - Louis Lamotte
1935 - Stephen J. Sloop
1940 - Tom B. Anderson
1945 - J. Philips Noble
1950 - James Eade Anderson
1955 - Joseph Whitner

1960 - P. Randolph Kowalski
1965 - John Allen
1970 - Cecil B. Murphey
1975 - Joyce C. Tucker
1980 - Richard T. Gillespie, IV
1984 - Warren McKinney

The Classes prior to and including 1930 are issued a special invitation by their Chairperson, Louis Lamotte. It is hoped we will have a large turnout of alums from this select group.

Women Students and Women alums will enjoy a special supper together on Thursday evening. There is also scheduled a symposium on peacemaking led by the Columbia students' Peace Fellowship and three times set aside for informal questions and conversation with the lecturers and the preacher. The week is full and promises to be the most exciting event of the '84-'85 academic year.

C. E. program cited

Columbia Seminary's continuing education program was in the spotlight in the November/December issue of *Church Management - The Clergy Journal*. James Allen Sparks is the author of an article entitled "Putting Adventure Ahead of Notebook," in which he writes about three of the annual week-long, off-campus continuing education events offered by Columbia.

Speaking of Doug Hix, the Director of Advanced Studies at Columbia, he writes:

... This seminary professor has discovered how to teach busy and bedazzled parish ministers the meaning of community outside of the classroom and without lectures or assigned term papers - a departure from the usual fare of seminaries. As his students trek off into the woods, cloister in a monastery, or set out on a Caribbean adventure, they look at three quite different examples of how people form communities and care for each other.

Mr. Sparks then looks at A Week in the Winter Woods, "a week's hike into the heart of the Smoky Moun-

tains in the middle of winter." Quoting Dr. Hix, he says, "The hostile environment of backpacking in the mountains really molds a group into a community. . . . Because ministers also live in an environment of abstract ideas and work at tasks that that never seem to be finished, they don't have a feeling of accomplishment and self-affirmation." But the week is a combination of group activity and time alone. ". . . the six or seven hours [each day] spent on the trails force solitary reflection about where one has been in life and where one is headed." This is a lonely task.

A bit of humor was injected when he wrote: "Too timid to press the matter, I thought there was one inconsistency in the program's design. Under 'clothing you will need,' [from the brochure describing the event] I found one rather formidable stumbling-block to community-building - only one change of underwear was specified and that was optional. Dear me!"

The Week at the Monastery of the Holy Ghost, held each March, is an-

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Claypool seminar an overwhelming success

John Claypool, noted ecumenical and spiritual leader, led a two-day seminar recently at CTS, receiving praise from the participants and the seminary community. Dr. Claypool lectured, led discussion groups, and preached for the whole seminary community at the regular daily worship service.

Thirty ministers attended the seminar, directed by Dr. Ben Johnson, Professor of Evangelism, and were led by Dr. Claypool in an experience designed to renew their inner energies for ministry and outreach by going through their own "faith

journeys." Each participant did this by looking into his or her journey at the various life stages of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, and at the present stage of life as well. The hypothesis is that reflection on one's own journey will deepen the minister's spiritual life and enable him or her to develop skills in guiding other persons in their growing relationships with God.

A Southern Baptist pastor and graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Dr. Claypool is noted for these kinds of continuing education events and has

brought his gifts of teaching and group leadership to many noted institutions over the years, including Princeton Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School and Perkins Divinity School. As one participant, Steve Sloop of Atlanta, put it, "It was something that I needed and benefited from tremendously It was practical and down to earth and really applied to me. The combination of sharing from the teacher, private reflection and interaction with two other people in the class made it a lively and enlivening experience for me."



Claypool

Highlights

from the board meeting



New Board members pose with President Philips and Board Chairman Bill Adams at Fall Board meeting - (L to R) Dr. Philips, Margaret Greer Miller, Warner Durnell, Mary Virginia Allen, Marshall Chapman and Bill Adams.

The Fall Board of Directors meeting began with a special presentation of plaques of appreciation to the following retiring directors: Mary G. Russ, Mary Ellen Alexander, W. Tom Neal, Edward P. Perrin, and Mary Boney Sheats. Then new members, Mary Virginia Allen, Warner Durnell, Margaret Greer Miller and Marshall Chapman were introduced and welcomed.

Other Highlights included:

1. The Executive Committee was authorized to act as a nominating committee for the process of recommending nine at-large directors with three directors each in the classes of 1985, 1986, and 1987 to be officially elected by the Board.
2. The 15-year Long Range Capital Financial Plan, subject to future modification by the Board, was adopted and the administration

was asked to develop a comprehensive financial plan including all sources of income. The Administration was also granted the authority to implement Phase I of the Capitol Financial Plan. Board Chairman, William A. Adams, in consultation with the administration, is to appoint a committee of nine to fifteen persons to occupy a leadership role in this effort.

4. President Philips was authorized to develop a master plan for the projected use of land and facilities, utilizing the services of a qualified professional firm which shall be approved by the Board's Executive Committee.
5. The administration was authorized to contract with an architect to develop preliminary plans for a Continuing Education/Media Center, together with cost estimates.



Board of Directors at Fall Meeting.

Nease succumbs to cancer

The ebony Steinway stands in silence near the window. The fingers that one coaxed intricate melodies and triumphant chords from the keys are gone. Theron Nease has died.

On Mon., Nov. 17, 1984, at 10 a.m., T crossed the finish line. There were no medals and no trophies, only rest and peace from the cancer that doggedly chased T down the course of his final footrace.

Cancer took T's life, but not his victory. T won that race, fighting the disease with every physical and emotional resource he could muster, and with a bravery that was surpassed only by his faith in God.

The race was long and tiring. T was diagnosed as having advanced prostatic cancer in August, 1982. After radiation therapy, he entered remission, but came out of it in the spring of 1983.

Surgery and hormone therapy gave T another chance, but the cancer struck again in the spring of 1984, this time taking his life.

T viewed the cancer as an opportunity to live life to its fullest. He took up running 10-kilometer road races, which he said were "a way of celebrating every day."

The cancer made T appreciate "the fullness of the day," he said, and in his last days he was alive "more than I've been in 51 years."

T grew up in Savannah, GA, where he was born on Nov. 17, 1931. He attended Austin College in Sherman, TX, graduating in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1958 and was ordained that year.

Between 1957 and 1963 T received his clinical training in pastoral care at hospitals in Texas and New Jersey. In 1973 he earned a Ph.D. in pastoral theology from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Columbia hired T as Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling in 1966. He had supplied the pulpit of Forest Park Presbyterian Church, Forest Park, GA, since 1975.

T is survived by his wife Judith and his two daughters Susan, 20, and Alison, 17.



T. Nease

International community grows at Columbia

Internationalizing Theological Education at Columbia has become a vital and significant contribution to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Under the direction of Dr. T. Erskine Clarke the program continues to expand and enrich the life of the Seminary community.

There are 26 Internationals on campus this year from countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa. Several Asian-Americans are pursuing their first professional degrees, while others are working on various advanced degrees. There are visiting scholars and special students involved in independent study and continuing education.

Two countries are being represented for the first time this year.

Margit Balogh and Gyorgy Horvath are two pastors from the Reformed Church of Hungary and Sophia Bietenhard comes to us from Switzerland by way of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Columbia's students are enjoying international experiences as well. There are currently four students studying at seminaries in the Caribbean and Costa Rica and three students taking intern years in Korea and Japan.

The international presence was particularly strong earlier this fall when the CTS community celebrated International Week. Beginning with World-Wide Communion

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FROM the PRESIDENT



The three major purposes of Columbia Seminary expressed in carefully phrased statements are: 1) the education of ministers for service in the Church, 2) the provision of nurture for ministers through life long education, 3) and the development of Biblical and Theological programs for lay persons. In connection with the latter we have had significant response to our Monday Evening, January Lay School of Biblical Studies, our Evangelism and Spiritual Growth seminars and the Summer Session courses. In addition there are regular opportunities on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM to take for credit

or audit, electives in Bible, and other basic courses.

A Seminary cannot do everything, and thus we must focus carefully on the major tasks given us by the Presbyterian Church. Thus, the programs for lay leaders are carefully planned and prepared using our faculty and visiting professors. Professors Hix, and Johnson have led us in these areas in most effective ways. I commend the program to you!

In the new year, we move forward with gratitude to you, and to the Christ whom we serve. We will be carrying out the program of the Seminary sustained and guided by

the mission we share which is so vital to the Church and the world just now. The word "indispensable" is not a bit too strong a word to describe it. Join us in a prayer for the supply of all our needs and for the strength and wisdom needed here in this decisive moment in our history. Above all, pray for our students, their families, and their futures!

Faithfully yours,

James Hix

Internationals

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Sunday on October 7, a week was set aside to focus on the Internationals in the life of the seminary, the Church and the world.

Special attention was given to a different area of the world each day with flags and maps adorning classrooms and daily chapel services led

by Internationals from the various areas represented on campus. Special meals representative of the different areas were served in the refectory throughout the week to bring even more of the international 'flavor' to the community.

The week was highlighted by the

annual Missionary Coffee, sponsored by the Women of the Church of Atlanta Presbytery and held to provide an opportunity to meet the missionaries on furlough at Mission Haven, the residential community adjacent to the seminary campus for housing missionaries on leave.

The week's celebration was ended with the seminary community's participation in the PATH (Presbyterian's Answer to Hunger) Metro Atlanta Hunger Walk. The proceeds of the walk went to benefit the PATH programs locally and at the international level.



International students gather around the table as Professor Wade Huie recites the words of institution.



Associate in seminary relations resigns

Emmie C. Young, Associate Director of Seminary Relations and Associate Dean of Students at Columbia Seminary, has resigned her position to further her clinical pastoral education at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Young, who serves as editor of *Vantage*, came to the seminary as Associate Director of Seminary Relations and Ministerial Advisor to Women on July 1, 1982. In the fall of 1982, she was appointed Ministerial Advisor to Women of the Community and in April, 1983, she was named Associate Dean of Students.

Prior to arriving at CTS, Ms. Young served as associate pastor to Good Shepherd Presbyterian

Church, Lilburn, GA, a position she held for 18 months.

Ms. Young is a native of Nashville, TN, where her mother is a staff writer for *The Nashville Tennessean*. She received her B.A. in history from Vanderbilt University in Nashville and graduated with distinction from Columbia in 1980 with an M.Div.

Before entering the ministry, Ms. Young taught school in Nashville and, Omaha, NE. She also worked for two years as recreational coordinator at an Omaha hospital intensive care unit.

She has two children: Braden, 14 and Mac, 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CONTINUING EDUCATION

January 28-February 1, 1985 — A WEEK IN THE WINTER WOODS

Fourth annual hike in the winter beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains; confrontation with a hostile environment; a group experience of sharing and interdependency; self-examination.

March 10-15, 1985 — A WEEK AT THE MONASTERY OF THE HOLY GHOST, Conyers, Georgia

A week of spiritual enrichment, living at the monastery with time spent in prayer, meditation, and work.

April 8-15, 1985 — A WEEK IN JAMAICA

A pilgrimage following Easter in a Third World country where the Church is strong and vibrant. A week at United Theological College in Kingston and in Ocho Rios, visiting the countryside seeing urban and rural parish work. For lay persons and clergy.

May 5-12, 1985 — STUDY / RETREAT AT THE BEACH, Sunset Beach, North Carolina

A week of study and discussion, combined with recreation and relaxation.

June 12-24, 1985 — IN THE STEPS OF JOHN KNOX: A Pilgrimage into our Presbyterian Heritage

Lay people and clergy will visit Edinburgh, London, and Geneva to learn church history, theological issues, and contemporary church life. Leaders: Kay and Davison Philips, Margot and Stuart McWilliam, and Pat and Doug Ilix.

June 13-July 1, 1985 — BACH FEST AND GERMAN DELIGHT

Explore music, art, theology and culture of central Europe. Leader: Frederick O. Bonkovsky, Columbia Seminary.

July 8-12 and July 15-19, 1985 — SUMMER SESSION

For information contact: Douglas W. Hix, Advanced Studies Office, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. 30031 (404) 378-8822

THIS DEPARTMENT CAN HELP YOU*

The Bible Department

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J. Will Ormond	Professor of Biblical Exposition
James D. Newsome, Jr.	Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature & Exegesis
David M. Gunn	Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature & Exegesis
David Moessner	Associate Professor of New Testament Language, Literature & Exegesis

* This article initiates a column that will highlight in each edition of *Vantage* a different department of the Seminary that can provide you with help. We hope you will not hesitate to write or call any of our faculty or administrative staff for help.

COME SEE COLUMBIA DAY



THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985

Campus of Columbia Seminary
and the Columbia Presbyterian Church

sponsored by

The Columbia Friendship Circle



New Faculty Townhouses.



CTS junior, Karen Walkup, gets doused by a water balloon flung by a little angel at the children's Halloween party as middler Emory David (L) looks on.



Johnny Jones (R) and Dan McLean run the grills at the Village barbeque this fall.



Alumni/ae Association Officers (L to R) - Vice President, Alnn Elmore, President, Jonnnn Adams and Secretary, John Hunter



Candlelighting ceremony at Community Christmas Banquet.



Community picnic in September marks the opening of another year at CTS.



Dean of Students, Pete Carruthers, gives inst minute instructions to incoming first year students before Opening Convocation in September.

Middler, Emory David leads Christmas carols at annual Christmas Banquet.



Steve Price, recreation director and senior student, leads neighborhood children in games every Wednesday afternoon, with the help of students such as Tom Bales, Vickie Thomas nnd Richard Hill (R-L, interspersed among children).

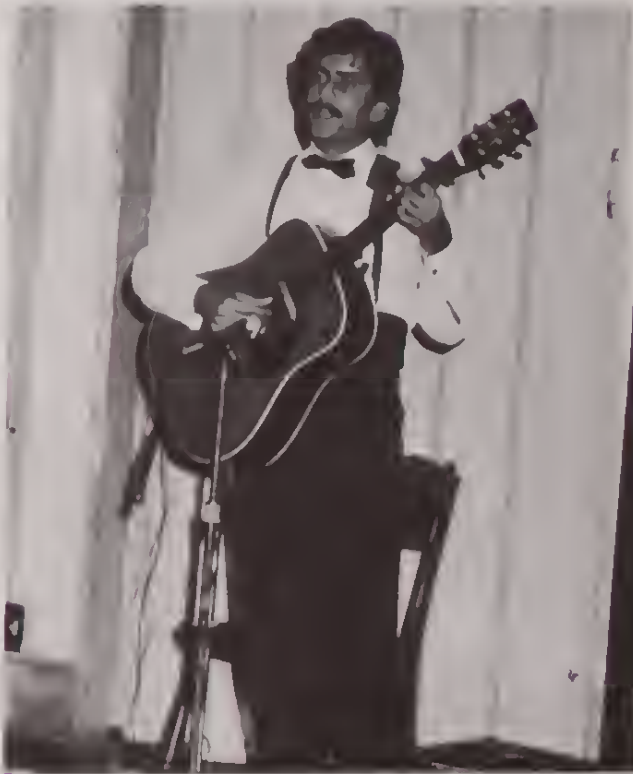
Community Life at CTS

CTS Board member, Langdon Flowers, enjoys a time of fellowship with student, Mike Bragan, nt the Student-Board Dinner in November.



Photos by Rhett Talbert

Third year student, Butch Miranda, entertains the community at the annual Halloween Party.



C. E. program cited

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other approach to learning about community. "For 5 days a dozen learners participate in the worship-reading-working-sleeping routine of a lifestyle" vastly different from the ordinary. They worship with the monks, rising at 4 a.m., work in the bakery, on the grounds, or with those doing sand casting. According to Dr. Hix, "What this week teaches clergy is the importance of applying these rhythms to their own haphazard and frenzied home and work schedules. A week at the Trappist monastery helps clergy appreciate the need for discipline and structure."

A Week in Jamaica, always held

the week following Easter, exposes the learners to a "Third World perspective that involves them in seminars and the day-to-day life of a local congregation on this island south of Cuba." Students get a sense of the tropical lifestyle, staying in "Seminary lodgings" and in the homes of church members. A sense of community is found as the participants grapple together with some of the problems of this Third World island.

For more information about these and other continuing education events contact Doug Hix at the Seminary.



View during "Walk in the Winter Woods"

CTS first-year students

Patrick N. Bailey - East Point, Georgia
 Thomas L. Bales - Morristown, Tennessee
 Donald Johnson Barbour - Winter Park, Florida
 John H. Bell, Jr. - Knoxville, Tennessee
 Jerry E. Blacklaw - Atlanta, Georgia
 John A. Blake - Winter Park, Florida
 William H. Bland, Jr. - Raleigh, North Carolina
 Mark S. Bryan - Mobile, Alabama
 James D. Burton - Riverdale, Georgia
 Carol J. Byrd - Berea, Kentucky
 Joey T. Byrd - Berea, Kentucky
 Catherine Childs - Atlanta, Georgia
 Randall F. Clegg - Albany, Georgia
 E. Leon Clymore - Atlanta, Georgia
 Francis V. Daniell - Marietta, Georgia
 Gail P. Deane - Rembert, South Carolina
 Jon R. Faraone - Hurley, Virginia
 Daniel W. Grabam - Jacksonville, Florida
 Colette Hamby - Tucker, Georgia
 Richard G. Hill - Quincy, Florida
 Ronald R. Hilliard - N. Palm Beach, Florida
 John Dale Hobbs - Kingsport, Tennessee
 Johnny J. Jones - Cleveland, Tennessee
 Young Kyong Kim - Mission Viejo, California
 Robert K. Locklear - Bremen, Georgia
 Joseph Wade Malloy - Jacksonville, Florida
 Richard T. Maule - Atlanta, Georgia
 William H. McKissack - Atlanta, Georgia
 Wayne D. Morrison - Memphis, Tennessee
 George V. Naze - Avondale Estates, Georgia
 Stephen L. Nelms - Fayetteville, Georgia
 Jun Ro Park - Korea and Montgomery, Alabama
 William R. Patterson - Tuskegee, Alabama
 Karen Petersohn - Atlanta, Georgia
 Donald Putnam - Martinez, Georgia
 Diane L. Ragsdale - Atlanta, Georgia
 Robert P. Reno - Decatur, Georgia
 Melana T. Scruggs - Temple Terrace, Florida
 Catherine A. Sumrall - New Orleans, Louisiana
 O. Rbett Talbert, Jr. - Georgetown, South Carolina
 Vickie Jo Thomas - Youngstown, Ohio
 Broadnax Joseph Virgil - Atlanta, Georgia
 Louise P. Wade - Ocean Springs, Mississippi
 Karen R. Walkup - Columbia, South Carolina
 George H. Waters - Knoxville, Tennessee
 Walter Philip West - Richmond, Virginia
 Judith Lynn Williamson - Florence, South Carolina
 Keith Gore Wiseman - Oxford, Mississippi

Columbia honors Atlanta area donors

October 23 marked the celebration of the 1984 Atlanta Area Appreciation Dinner in the CTS Refectory. This dinner is held annually for friends of the seminary in appreciation of their generous and continuing support of Columbia. President J. Davison Philips presided and, along with his wife Kay, issued a warm welcome to these special friends.

The principal address for the evening was given by Howell Adams, Jr., prominent Atlanta businessman, elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church and member of Columbia's President's Advisory Council. He focused on the history of Atlanta's close relationship with Columbia and on the importance the Atlanta area to the Seminary.

He reminded those in the audience, "We have not begun to reach our full potential. We have the ability and the resources to be far more supportive." Mr. Adams went on to ask that Columbia's Atlanta friends continue to support the seminary, but he also suggested a few "basics" that they might work on. Leading his list was the suggestion that you

"first, place Columbia on your priority list for giving. Only you, of course, can decide how much that gift can be. Keep in mind there are many ways to do this, some of you can enjoy doing them all. For others only a portion will fit. One which I recommend for **everyone** is remembering Columbia in your will. Wills are not just for the wealthy; they are for everybody. Even if your estate is very modest, don't miss out on the privilege of making one more statement to your family, and your Lord, where your priorities are."

Mr. Adams offered other suggestions on how Atlantans can help the seminary, ending with this note:

"Let's resolve that we, as Atlanta-area Presbyterians, will respond with such zeal that our light can be seen far and wide and that Presbyterians, far and wide, will catch fire with support and encouragement for Presbyterian seminaries everywhere, raising their quality and their impact as they go about the church's indispensable task of preparing and nurturing our leadership."



CTS President J. Davison Philips thanks the Seminary's supporters at the Atlanta Area Appreciation Dinner.

President's advisors to meet

The President's Advisory Council will meet here at Columbia on April 23, 1985. This Council is a group of leaders in the Southeast who have a strong and abiding loyalty to the seminary. The all-day meeting is held yearly to acquaint and update the group on the ever-changing face of Columbia's mission to the Church. It also gives the group an opportunity to advise Dr. Philips, the faculty and administration on the state of the Church as they see it and how Columbia might better serve it.

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Editor Emmie C. Young



Whitener

Whitener joins staff

The seminary is pleased to add Olin Marsh Whitener Jr. to its administrative staff as Associate Director of Development. A 1976 Doctor of Ministry graduate of Columbia, Olin comes to us from the Allison Creek Presbyterian Church near Charlotte where he served as senior pastor for nearly five years. He also served a two-church field in Grover and King's Mountain, North Carolina, for three years immediately after graduation from CTS.

The son of a PCUS minister, Olin Whitener is a BA graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the town in which he spent his high school years as well. In 1969 he married Ruth Anne Sloop, began college and continued as a full time sales representative for the Standard Register Company, a job he kept throughout his three years at the University. He was graduated in June 1972, and began Greek School at CTS a month later.

The energy and enthusiasm that Olin exhibited in his college, seminary, and parish careers is evident in his work at Columbia. On the staff since August, Olin has already put new life into the Annual Fund Campaign. He has assumed duties in the area of Alumni/ae development with special attention to the Alumni/ae Council and with the Columbia Friendship Circle. His love for the parish and the church at large is evident and he looks forward to taking Columbia's message out into it.

The seminary is indeed fortunate to have Olin, Ruth Anne and their three sons, Tripp, Jason, and Benjamin, as part of our community.

Annual Fund increases

This year's ANNUAL FUND goal is \$485,000 and we are well on the road to achieving that goal! As of December 1 the ANNUAL FUND total is \$177,000. This is a significant increase over the amount we had received at this time last year. THAT IS GOOD NEWS! We still have a long way to go, but are confident that we will be where we need to be at the end of this fiscal year.

The ANNUAL FUND is a significant part of Columbia's annual budget of \$3,300,000. These unrestricted gifts from our Alumni/ae and friends provide the necessary financial relief our students must have. It costs Columbia Seminary more than \$8,000 a year to educate a candidate for the gospel ministry. Though student fees, Synod gifts, income from our endowment, and designated gifts from local churches meet the largest portion of this cost there is a sizeable balance which must be met by the ANNUAL FUND.

Recently one of our friends who contributes to the ANNUAL FUND wrote to us and we want to share a portion of her letter.

"Last February I was beginning to contemplate beginning an investment program, now that my private practice seems to be a genuine success. I was somewhat bothered by a concern for investing to make more money when that concern was not balanced by investing in God's work. So I made a list of investments, prayerfully, which I believed to be in the interest of furthering God's work. Columbia Seminary headed the list . . . and I haven't regretted it. It 'feels good' to be a part of this ministry."

God is using people of faith from every corner of the world to support Columbia's mission of training and nurturing ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Remembering Columbia In Your Will

The following form of bequest or like form may be used:

"I give and bequeath to Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, the sum of _____ dollars (or specific real estate, securities, etc.).

And let us know of your intention to do so. We will be grateful for your remembering of this fine institution.

Charitably Speaking

By JIM DICKENSON
Vice-President
Development/Seminary
Relations

Property makes an excellent gift

You can give a gift of property to Columbia Seminary and receive a number of advantages to you and your spouse. Of course, the main purpose in giving a gift is to help further, and strengthen, the work and mission of the seminary itself. To fulfill that purpose should be first and foremost in our minds as we seek to be good caretakers for what God has provided.

By giving property to the seminary you will receive several tax advantages. For example, your income tax deductions can be spread over five years; in many instances you can avoid capital gain taxes; and, if you prefer, you can receive a lifetime income for you and your spouse.

Two ways to give property:

(1) As an outright gift: the seminary received the property, disposes of it, and uses the funds to establish a scholarship fund in the donor's honor, or it can be used for any purpose the donor wishes, in conjunction with seminary policy.

(2) To establish a Gift Annuity or a Unitrust: the seminary receives the property, disposes of it, and uses the funds to establish a yearly income for the donor and spouse. Then when the donor and spouse have no further use of the income the seminary will establish an endowment (scholarship) fund according to the donor's wishes.

Some examples of what can be given:

Open Land: you may be holding a few acres of property as an investment and would like to find a way to turn it to income producing means. By giving it to the seminary and setting up a trust you can receive an income for life, and avoid capital gain taxes.

A Home or Farm: you may give your home in town or your farm to the seminary by deed. You will receive an enormous income tax deduction, which can be spread over 5 years, and have the use of either or both for the rest of your life.

Commercial Property: you may own a grocery store building, or a corner containing a service station, or an old Post Office building, or a warehouse. These are appropriate gifts to make.

Shopping Centers: shopping centers provide excellent gifts, or partial interests in these centers can substantially strengthen the seminary's financial position.

High Rise Office or Apartment Buildings: for example, you can give a 10- or 12-floor building, a floor at a time each year.

Other Possibilities: Partial interest or partial holdings in various kinds of negotiable properties, or you may have something unusual you wish to consider. Call us.

There is no charge to you! We will be happy to consult with you about any potential properties you have in mind.

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Secretary, Seminary Relations, Mailing Component

June McDaniel
Records, Computer

Barbara Poe
Secretary, Administration of Office of Development/Seminary Relations



CFC officers meet with administrative staff to plan for "Come See Columbia Day" in April.

The Columbia Friendship Circle

The Executive Committee of the Columbia Friendship Circle (CFC) met at Columbia Seminary September 26 and 27 and made plans for what promises to be another profitable and fun-filled "COME SEE COLUMBIA DAY." Women (and men) from churches in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and other area states will gather at Columbia on April 18.

If you would like information about "COME SEE COLUMBIA DAY" or the CFC please write or call the Office of Development at Columbia Seminary.

Have you made a commitment to Columbia's 1984-85 ANNUAL FUND?

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNUAL FUND

In consideration of the Seminary's needs, I/we accept the challenge to share in Columbia's commitment to Shaping Christian Leadership of Excellence

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Decatur, Georgia 30031

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☐ Where most needed

☐ I would like to have information about the Matching Gift Program

☐ I would like to talk to someone from the Seminary about optional forms of giving

Conferences scheduled for ministry prospects

Two special conferences for men and women who are considering ministry as their vocation have been planned here at Columbia. The *College Conference On Ministry* is planned for college students, or recent graduates, who are considering the ministry. The conference is scheduled on Columbia's campus for the weekend of February 22-24, 1985. Among the scheduled activities are a worship service with the seminary community led by Dr. Catherine Gonzalez, Professor of Church History, and a Bible study led by Dr. David Moessner, Associate Professor of New Testament.

In addition the *Conference On Ministry*, geared toward people considering a vocational change into the ministry, is planned on campus for the weekend of March 15-17, 1985. Both of these conferences will offer those participating the opportunity to talk with Columbia faculty, staff and students, to ask questions about housing, work possibilities for spouses and financial aid, and to explore their own sense of call to ministry. Persons interested in registering for one of these conferences may contact Ruth Tidd, Department of Admissions, for more information.

THE COLUMBIA FORUM

February 5-8, 1985



GUEST PREACHER - Fred B. Craddock
Professor of Preaching and New Testament,
Candler School of Theology, Emory
University, Atlanta, Georgia

ALUMNI/AE LECTURER - Leighton Ford
Associate Evangelist and Vice President
of The Billy Graham Evangelistic
Association, Charlotte, North Carolina



SMYTH LECTURER - Leander E. Keck
Dean and Winkley Professor of Biblical
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